

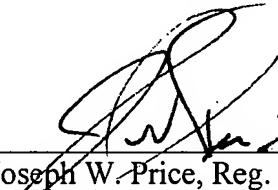
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-17 remain pending in the application and new claims 18 and 19 are believed to add no new matter.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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